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SUBJ: EC-9 AND THE DRAFT PLO RESOLUTION - AMB. RICHARD
CONVERSATION WITH AMB. SCALI

1. UK REP IVOR RICHARD PHONED AMB SCALI AND ASKED WHETHER
HE WLD FAVOR EC-9 EFFORT TO MODIFY EXISTING UNACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE
OF PLO RES. HE REPORTED THAT IT NOW APPEARED
ARAB REPS WERE SUFFICIENTLY UPSET AT FAILURE TO WIN
WESTERN EUROPEAN SUPPORT THAT THEY NOW APPEAR TO BE
WILLING TO CONSIDER CHANGES OF THE KIND THEY WERE UNWILLING
TO TOLERATE A WEEK AGO. RICHARD REPORTED THIS WAS IMPRESSION
OF EC-9 REPS AFTER THEY HAD MET LATE THIS AFTERNOON WITH
EGYPTIAN AMB MEGUID, WHO WAS GIVEN "A FAIRLY ROUGHISH"
TIME DURING HIS MTG. RICHARD SAID HIS DELEGATION
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FORECAST AT PRESENT WAS THAT THE ARABS CLD EXPECT NO MORE

THAN 80 YES VOTES AND THAT THIS PROSPECT DISTURBED THEM.
PERHAPS MEGUID AND HIS FRIENDS WLD BE WILLING TO
CONSIDER LANGUAGE WHICH SPECIFICALLY ASSERTS THE RIGHT OF
ISRAEL TO LIVE AS A SOVEREIGN, INDEPENDENT STATE WITHIN
SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES. WHAT WOULD AMB SCALI
THINK ABOUT EC-9 EFFORT TO OBTAIN SUCH LANGUAGE?
SALI REPLIED THAT HE THOUGHT IT EXCEEDINGLY UNLIKELY THAT
MEGUID AND PLO WLD ACCEPT ANYTHING APPROXIMATING CLEAR-
CUT LANGUAGE ON THIS POINT. A MAXIMUM THAT WOULD HAPPEN,
SCALI SAID, WLD BE FOR THE ARAB SPONSORS TO MODERATE
THEIR POSITION SLIGHTLY, THEREBY TEMPTING FRENCH, ITALIANS
AND IRISH TO YES VOTE, THUS SPLITTING EC-9 UNITY.
RATHER THAN GET INVOLVED IN SUCH AN UNSATISFACTORY OUTCOME,
AMB. SCALI SAID HE FELT IT WLD BE BEST TO HEW TO THE ORIGINAL
EC-9 DECISION WHICH WAS TO ATTEMPT NO NEGOTIATIONS ON
A NEW TEXT.

2. RICHARD SAID IN VIEW OF SCALI'S ADVICE, HE WOULD FAVOR STANDING
FIRM AND NOT ENGAGE IN EFFORTS TO MODIFY LANGUAGE.
SCALI

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